THE COLUMBIAN MIRROR
AND
ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

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AVENDUE.

ON TUESDAY and FRIDAY, in every week, at 10 o'clock in the morning, will be exposed for sale at the Vendue Store (corner of Prince and Water streets)

A VARIETY OF

WET & DRY GOODS.

Of which the particulars will be given previous to the sale.

The VENDUE MASTERS will always keep the Store open for the reception of GOODS, and selling of such articles therein between the times of public sales as may be on limitation. They likewise offer their services in transacting any kind of Commission Business.

MARSTELLER & SONS.

April 5th, 1796.

For Charter,

THE BRIG

Virginia,

Burthen 300 hhds of tobacco.—For term apply to

SHREVE & LAWRASON.

Who have for sale—Queen's ware in crates, well assorted; glass ware; double Gloucester cheese in hampers; Liverpool salt in sacks and loose; pipes in boxes; pearl barley in kegs; barr lead; candles by the box

Oct. 18. tf.

Bank of Alexandria.

January 2, 1797.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Stock Holders of the Bank of Alexandria, that a dividend of five per cent on the Capital Stock of the Bank, for the half year, ending this day is declared, and will be ready to be paid to them, or their representatives, on Thursday next the 5th inst.

By order of the President & Directors.

GURDEN CHAPIN, Cashier.

P. S. Those shares that have been subscribed since the 5th of July last, are entitled to a proportionate dividend.

GURDEN CHAPIN.

Wanted Immediately,

AN Overseer on the shares, on Shanandoah river, to work ten fellows with good horses, &c. found. The land is very good, and a very good share will be allowed. Any person that may suit, will no doubt produce satisfactory testimony of his ability honesty, sobriety and industry. For further particulars apply to Messrs. Korn and Wisemiller, Alexandria, or to John Holker on Shenandoah river, Frederick County.

Nov 25. 3mcp

Very great Bargains

THE public are informed that the Goods remaining on hand at the Store under the direction of the subscriber, opposite to M'Knight's tavern will henceforth be sold at prices reduced below the very moderate terms at which they have heretofore been sold. The proprietors being desirous of closing the sales speedily, will accomodate retailers with a credit.

Wm. HICKMAN.

January 7. tf

For Sale.

A TRACT of land in Fairfax county, whereon I live, containing about eleven hundred acres, it is within twenty miles of George Town, Alexandria, and Dumfries, and within five of Centerville. The land is as fertile as any in the county, is extremely well watered. There is about 500 acres in woods, it abounds in white oak, red oak, and poplar timber—there is likewise a good mill seat on Popes head run, whereon the land adjoins for some miles, and affords near one hundred acres of fine low ground fit for meadow—the situation is remarkably healthy. There are two plantations with good apple orchards on each, and middling improvements with a new house not yet finished, with two rooms below and two above, with a good cellar. An indisputable title will be made, and possession given to the purchaser, agreeable to contract, by

THOMAS POLLARD.

Fairfax, Jan. 19.

WHEREAS Jonathan Holmes on the 30th January 1797, by deed, bearing date on that date, did convey to Joseph Lewis, Jun. his heirs and assigns, a large convenient distillery with four large stills, well proportioned in their size, and with a copper boiler, and a sufficient number of tubs. Also, one horse mill, and a large commodious bake house, with three acres of land, situate in the county of Loudoun, known by the name of Gum Spring, in trust for the payment of 350 l. to the said Lewis, his heirs and assigns, on the 1st of January 1797, and for the payment of the like sum on the 1st of January, 1798, with power of re-entering by said Lewis, his heirs or assigns, in case any one of the said sums of money should not be punctually paid, and of making sale of aforesaid property at public auction, or so much thereof as would raise the money due and in arrear. And whereas the said Lewis by deed duly executed and recorded, did assign all his right to the aforesaid property to John O'Farrall, who in like manner, did assign the same to us, and whereas we have called on said Holmes for the first payment, and he acknowledged that he paid no part, and that he knew not when he should have it in his power. Wherefore we the subscribers, by our partner, Alexander Grant, made entry into the aforesaid premises. Be it then known, that on the 21st February next, we according to the powers and trust vested in us by said conveyances, shall at the Gum Spring, at public sale, sell the whole of aforesaid property, or so much thereof, as will raise the money due.

HACKET & GRANT.

Leesburg, January 17, 1797

LOST

BY the subscriber about the 25th ult. A SILVER WATCH, with a gold chain and key hanging thereto—upon the face of the watch, as likewise upon the works is the name of Charles R Scott. Ten dollars will be given to any person returning the watch and chain at the store of Mr. John Norwood, King Street. If offered for sale it is requested it may be stopped.

N. B. If it has been sold by any person, the person to whom it may have been sold will confer an obligation by stepping forward, and announcing the person who may have sold it.

GEORGE STOVIN, Jun.

January 17 2w

Caution.

I HEREBY caution the public against purchasing or taking an assignment from Messrs. Clingman & M'Gay or Alexandria, of nine bonds given by me to them, payable the first in October next, and the others one in each succeeding October. These bonds having been improperly obtained and no value given—I will not pay them unless compelled by law.

SPENCER GRAYSON, Jun.

January 17 2w

Notice is hereby given,

THAT the Partnership of ROBERT YOUNG & CO. hath this day been dissolved by mutual consent, and the books of said concern removed to the office of Philip Richard Fendall, where in future all concerned will apply. It is earnestly requested that all those who have claims will exhibit them for adjustment on or before the first day of April next, so that the whole amount may be ascertained, and some mode proposed for their ultimate discharge.

All those indebted to the said concern are earnestly requested to discharge the same without delay.

The Store and Warehouse occupied by Robert Young & Co. will be let for 6 years, or their right therein sold for that term.

ROBERT YOUNG,
PHILIP R. FENDALL.

January 17. tf

Twenty Dollars Reward.

STOLEN or Strayed from this place, about the 1st inst. a large BLACK HORSE, about seven years old, 15¼ hands high, white feet and face, shod all round.—I will give the above reward on delivery of the Horse to me, and prosecuting the thief to conviction, or five dollars for the Horse only.

Jan. 17. ARCH. DOBBIN.

To be Let,

And entered upon immediately.

THE House and lot on Cameron Street, next to Mr. Godsby's (late Mr. Wise's) Tavern, lately occupied by Mr. Nathaniel Washington. For particulars enquire of Dr. James Craik, or to the subscriber in the City of Washington.

TOBIAS LEAR.

January 3 1m

FOR SALE,

7000 acres of Kentucky

Land. — Messrs. Nicholson and Morris's notes will be taken in payment,

Also,—some gold and silver Watches.

Apply to

Wm. GROVERMAN.

January 3.

For Sale.

A TRACT of land containing 116 acres, lying on Cameron Run, distant about 3 miles from Alexandria. The situation is on many accounts eligible—It is remarkably healthy, a convenient distance from the great Newgate road, and commands a pleasing view of the greatest part of the valley, through which the Cameron beautifully winds its course. This tract is well proportioned with respect to timber, upland and meadow ground, and has on it such improvements as might be easily adapted for immediate residence. For further particulars apply to

THEOPHILUS HARRIS.

January 3. tf

COGNIAC Brandy, } in pipes.
Hollands Geneva, }
Liverpool fine }
Lisbon, and } Salt.
Alum }
Spanish Hides, &c.

FOR SALE BY

Fletcher & Otway.

December 31.

Thirty Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber a negro fellow named WILLIAM JACKSON, he is about 6 feet 2 or 3 inches high, about 27 or 28 years of age—had on when he went away a dark bottle green coat and waistcoat, a pair of velvet breeches, a pair of speckled worsted stockings and thick fox'd shoes with double vamps, he served his time at the cooper's business—he has worked a few months with me at baking. He possibly will endeavor to pass for for a free man, as I understand he has got forged papers for that purpose. It is supposed he is gone towards Baltimore. Whoever apprehends him and brings him to me, shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable charges paid.

THOMAS CRANDELL.

December 31.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having open accounts upon the subscriber's Books, are requested to come forward and discharge, or give bonds for the same before the first day of February next, otherwise suits will be commenced after that time, against those who fail to comply. Mr. Wm. M'Meechen, my partner, is authorised to act for me in my absence.

GEORGE HUNTER.

George Hunter and Co.

Are well supplied with all kind of

GOODS,

To suit the present season, which they will sell at the most reduced prices to punctual customers. Dec. 29.

Hollands Gin,

Just received, and for sale by the subscriber,

14 pipes choice old Hollands GIN, of a most excellent quality.

J. G. LADD.

LISBON WINE

In Pipes, Hogsheads and Quarter-casks,
For Sale by
KEMP HURST and CO.
Nov. 10.

Flour Store.

THOMAS PETERKIN will Store Flour for any length of time, at six pence per barrel, in the warehouse lately occupied by James M. M'Rea and Co. adjoining Messrs. Shreve and Lawrason.

Where he has for sale,

Coarse and Fine Salt, West India & N. E. Rum, Loaf & Brown Sugar, Coffee, Pepper, Indigo, and Salt Petre, London Porter in hampers, Queen's Ware in crates, Tanner's Oil, 3d. and 4d. Nails, hoe bushel sacks, twill'd, 100 barrels Tar.

JAMES KENNEDY,

KING-STREET,

RETURNS his sincere thanks to those who have been pleased to favour him since his commencement in business, and respectfully acquaints them, that for the accommodation of such of his friends as may live in that quarter he has opened store at the corner of Prince and Water streets adjoining the Vendue, where he purposes to keep a general assortment of Goods in the Wet Good line of the best quality, and at the most reasonable rates. He has at present a variety of best and freshest teas—in particular fine Padra Souchong much esteemed in Europe—Sugars, Coffee, Chocolate, Spirits, Wine, Fruits, refined Saltpetre, and mould candles of a superior quality. In a few days he expects to have a general assortment of Glass and Queen's Ware, with which he will be constantly supplied.

The business will be carried on in King street as usual; where he has for sale a number of French and English Books of the first reputation in various branches of literature.

January 5. 1m

NOTICE.

THE Partnership of MATTHEW ROBINSON & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent, all those who have any claims against the same, will please to apply as speedily as possible, and those who are indebted to us are requested to make payment to Matthew Robinson, who will settle all accounts and transactions of the above partnership.

MATTHEW ROBINSON,
JOHN WHITE.

N. B. The business in future will be carried on by Matthew Robinson, who has on hand a good assortment of Wet and Dry Goods, with a general assortment of Stone and Glass ware, which he will sell upon the lowest terms for cash or the usual credit.

January 7. 2w

NOTICE.

HAVING left the Continent for the West Indies, for a few months, I have authorised Mr. Peter Desnoes as my agent for transacting the business carried on by me in this town. Those to whom I am indebted are desired to call on him for payment; and those who are indebted to me, will please to pay their respective balances to him.

F. VIVENT.

Said Peter Desnoës, will rent the store and cellar, lately occupied by me in King-street, and has for sale on the usual credit,

19 puncheons of 3d and 4th proof Antigua Rum. December 8. tf

ATTORNEY AND AGENT BUSINESS.

GEORGE MUIR, a Member of the faculty of Procutators in Glasgow, and a Notary Public in Scotland, and who for many years practised as an Attorney and Agent in Glasgow, offers his services to the Public in that line of business.

He will write out Powers of Attorney, Indentures, Bonds, Leases, &c. and in particular, any Deeds to have effect in Scotland, on reasonable terms.

He will collect debts, and transact any other business as an agent on a moderate commission.

Apply to him at the Rev. Dr. Muir's, Alexandria.

November 24.

UNION BREWERY.

Strong & Table Beer

is now ready to be delivered to purchasers at the Union Brew-House.

The Columbian Mirror

AND

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

FEDERAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

MONDAY, JANUARY 2.

Mr. Parker called up the resolution which some days ago laid upon the table relative to a call upon the President for information with respect to the treaty with the Dey and Regency of Algiers. Mr. Parker said he found in the President's address, at the opening of the session, this paragraph, "After many delays and disappointments, arising out of the European war, the final arrangements for the fulfilling of the engagements made to the Dey and Regency of Algiers, will, in all present appearance, be crowned with success; but under great, though inevitable disadvantages in the pecuniary transactions, occasioned by that war, which will render a further provision necessary." Under these circumstances, it was not only proper to know what farther legislative measures were necessary; but also to learn what steps had been taken for carrying into effect the treaty with the dey and regency of Algiers. It was last year, he said ratified by the President and Senate, and that House had passed the necessary appropriations, and he was sorry that any delay had taken place in carrying it into effect, as he understood some of the prisoners had died between the period of ratification and that of the releasement of the citizens held in slavery. Some difficulties had arisen, it seemed, with which they were not acquainted, and therefore he had brought forward the present resolution; not doubting that the President would really give the information required.

Mr. Sitgreaves suggested whether it would not be proper to wait until they received from the President the communications which they had reason to expect from his speech. It was certain they should receive information from the proper department in due time. The President had said that farther appropriations would be necessary, and of course information would be given them on the subject. When this information should be communicated, if it should not be so complete as to satisfy the curiosity of the mover of this resolution, he might lay a resolution upon the table calling for farther particulars. But, in the mean time, he thought it most proper to receive the communication which they every day expected. He had no objection to the resolution in itself; he only thought it would be more respectful to the President to wait a few days for the information desired, than to ask for it.

Mr. Parker wished not to fail in respect to the chief magistrate; but as large sums of money had been appropriated to carry the treaty into effect, and yet, for some cause or other with which they were not acquainted the business had not been completed, it became important to have some information on the subject. There was great anxiety, he said, in the minds of merchants trading to the Mediterranean, to know the state of this affair. He thought, therefore, they ought to obtain it as soon as possible. It was from respect to the President that he had not called up the resolution before that time. If the enquiry was longer delayed, he thought the house would be wanting in duty to their constituents. After the resolution was passed, he should not be for pressing the subject more than other gentlemen.

Mr. Craik said he did not know that there was such a resolution on the table till then; but even from the mover's own confession, he did not see he did not mean to press the matter after the resolution should have passed. The President had told them at the opening of the session that more money would be wanted, owing to some embarrassments having taken place; it was therefore to be expected that he would give them every necessary information on the subject; but if they entered into the present resolution, it would be tacitly charging the President with neglect. The subject Mr. Craik said, was not particularly pressing, and, as they had much other business on hand, and as he doubted not they would have the information in due time, he should be opposed to the resolution.

Mr. Gallatin wished a clause in the law passed last session to be read: he believed it was expressed in general terms. [It was read and proved to be so.] The President in his speech, when he alludes to this subject, said Mr. G. only says that "final arrangements for fulfilling the engagements made to the Dey and Regency of Algiers, &c." and concludes with "measures are in operation for effecting treaties with the Regencies of Tunis and Tripoli." And it was perfectly clear, that if measures had not succeeded with the latter powers, there was a sufficient sum appropriated to carry into effect the treaty with Algiers; because there was not only appropriated the money for carrying the treaty into effect, but also an additional sum of 200,000 dollars for both objects. He did not know, therefore, whether they should receive any information on this subject, except it was called for. Mr. G. said they had already received an estimate of the expences for the year 1797, and although there were several items relative to foreign intercourse, there was not a single thing about an appropriation for the Algiers business. He thought therefore, though sums might be wanted for effecting treaties with Tunis and Tripoli, the appropriation would be wanted next year, and not this, and therefore there would be money enough now for Algiers. The only question was, whether it was their duty to ask for the information contained in the resolution; he believed it was, especially when they were told there had been great pecuniary losses, they certainly had a right to know what they were. The proposition, he said, did not ask for information how the treaty had been completed, but how the money had been disposed of. This was information they had a right to have, in order to form a judgment whether these losses might have been avoided or not; and, as he believed they should not have the information except it was asked for, he should vote for the resolution.

Mr. Gilbert did not doubt but they should get the information wanted in a few days, without entering into a resolution on the subject. They had been promised information on other subjects, and they might be confident it was all in forwardness, and would be communicated as soon as possible.

Mr. Livingston said gentlemen seemed to take it for granted that the President meant to communicate to them information on the subject of the treaty with the Dey and Regency of Algiers. He did not find this in the President's address; he found only a kind of excuse that the treaty had not been carried into effect. He did not say he would communicate what was the immediate cause of the delay. It was the duty of the house, he said, in a twofold point of view to call for this information; first that they might provide the necessary fund, and secondly to know what had been the cause of the great delay. The appropriation for carrying the treaty into effect had long since been made, and unless circumstances unavoidable, and urgency very cogent, had taken place, he could not help thinking there must have been a fault in some department or other. It was not to be presumed the delay was with the President; but he believed it might be presumed there was a delinquency somewhere. It was not enough from unavoidable circumstances, it was their duty to look into the business, and therefore he thought the present call a very proper one.

Mr. Swanwick said the gentleman from New-York (Mr. Gilbert) seemed to think they might wait a few days for the information wanted. Mr. S. said they had already waited for it a month, and nothing was yet brought forward. The session, he said, was limited, and it was important that the business to which the resolution before them related, should be speedily taken into consideration. It was very important as it respected commerce, which was never in a more critical situation than at present. It was high time, he said, to go into an enquiry on this subject, in order to know the train in which the business was placed, and to what the delays had been owing. He believed they had been owing to the derangements of money transactions in Europe; but of this they ought to be informed, and if there was any charge to be made against the house on this occasion, it was for having delayed the enquiry so long.

Mr. Gilbert said the gentleman last up seemed to speak as if the house had nothing to do, and were waiting for business from the President. He said there were various objects of great importance to the United States which called for their attention; and as he had before said, a short time would probably bring the information without application; and as they did not know that it was unnecessarily retarded, there was no use in passing the present resolution.

Mr. Sitgreaves said, gentlemen who supported this motion, spoke as if the right of the house had been disputed to make the enquiry. He had not heard this doubted. The only reason for opposing it was, that it was unnecessary, and less respectful than it would be to wait for the communication. The President had said that a farther appropriation was necessary this session, and he thought this was a sufficient answer to his colleague (Mr. Gallatin) and not next session, and therefore, he presumed, he would take care, at a convenient season, that the necessary information was laid before them. He would not call upon them to make appropriations without shewing both the necessity and the quantum required. He had already said there could be no question about their right of calling for the information in question; but he would not be understood to presume with the gentleman from New-York (Mr. Livingston) that there was a delinquency some where; if this were presumed, it would be directly in opposition to the assertion of the President, who had told them the circumstances of delay, &c. had been inevitable, upon what principle, therefore, gentlemen should conceive there had been a delinquency somewhere, he could not see. He was therefore opposed to the resolution.

The question was taken and carried 44 to 31. A committee of two members was appointed to carry the resolution into effect.

FROM EUROPE.

LONDON, NOV. 14—15.

The London Gazette of Nov. 13, contains a series of letters from Captain Anstruther and R. Crawford, Esquire, from the 17th to the 27th of October, giving a detail of a number of successive actions, obstinate and bloody, but fortunate on the part of the Austrians.—The following is the last of the letters alluded to:

Head-Quarters of his Royal Highness the Archduke Charles of Austria, Macppath, Oct. 27, '96.

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform your lordship, that in the course of the last night Gen. Moreau's army retreated across the Rhine at Hunningen.

morning fell on the heights of Weiler, on which they had constructed a large and solid work; but after a little skirmishing with the hussars, they evacuated the height and redoubt before any infantry could come up; and nothing now remains on this side the river, but a few troops in a small Tete-de-Ponte behind which is a horn-work lately constructed on the island called Shueter Insel.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed) ROB. CRAUFURD.

Dispatches have been received by government from Gibraltar, which state that, on the evening of the 17th of October, the Spanish batteries, consisting of 350 pieces of heavy artillery, were expected to commence playing against the fortress, which, however, was in so excellent a state of defence, that not the smallest apprehensions were entertained for its safety.

The island of Minorca is reported to be taken by Sir John Jervis's fleet, assisted by the troops from Corsica.

Letters from Cologne of October 28, state, that General Hoche will probably obtain the command of the army of the North.

From Leipzic, October 14, we learn, "the report of a speedy peace between the Emperor and the French Republic, becomes daily more prevalent; and there is good reason to suppose that the Prussian cabinet will take an active share in those important negociations."

Letters from Tyrol, of October 27, say "the French are still masters of the southern parts of this country.

The troops who are shut up in Mantua with Field Marshal Wurmser, amounts to 25,000 men. The fortress begins to suffer from want of necessaries. The besiegers are in want of heavy artillery. General Alvins is using his best efforts to collect an army to raise the siege of Mantua.

The Spanish fleet has appeared off Toulon.

The next object of the Archduke, it is said, will be the capture of Kehl, in which he will probably succeed.

In the Hundsruck, the French have gained considerable advantages. It is said that the Austran army is marching to relieve Mantua.

The Dutch Constitution is finished and laid before the people.

An Army of 18,000 Spaniards will, it is said, co-operate with Buonaparte in Italy.

The Spanish declaration of war against Great Britain, was received by the Dutch Convention on the 31st of October.

One very pleasing article of intelligence is, that the Dutch having fitted out a fleet under the command of Admiral Lucas, on an expedition against the Cape of Good Hope, (which was to have been joined by Richery, had not Admiral Mann kept him in Cadiz); they proceeded to that place; and soon after their arrival had the mortification to find themselves blockaded there by Admiral Elphinstone, who had received timely notice of their intention.—About the middle of August, finding no possibility of escape, they were compelled to give up their ships, and surrender themselves prisoners.——Their force is said to have consisted of two ships of the line, one of fifty guns, three large frigates, two smaller vessels, a store-ship, and about 1900 troops.

To Rent.

A CONVENIENT two story Frame House, two rooms below stairs, and two above, with three fire places—situate on Woolfe, near Washington Street. For terms apply to

STEPHEN MOORE.

January 21.

TO BE SOLD OR HIRED,

A likely young Negro Woman. Enquire of the Printers.

January 21.

Alexandria, January 21.

We understand a very liberal subscription has been filled by the principal gentlemen of this town (on the solicitation of Mr. West, Manager of the Virginia and South-Carolina Companies) for building an elegant Theatre, which is to be carried into immediate execution. The situation is judiciously chosen, being a lot of Mr. Porter's on Cameron-Street, opposite Mr. Gadsby's Tavern. The building is to be ninety feet in length by fifty, to be completed by the first of December, '97.

The artist chosen for the scenery is Mr. Luke Robins, a gentleman of acknowledged taste and judgment, both as architect and painter. His brilliant abilities are displayed on the scenery of the theatres of Philadelphia and Baltimore. From these premises, we may venture to pronounce the Alexandria Theatre (when compleated) will be inferior to few on the continent, for conveniency, simple elegance, and situation.

The Northern Papers, by this morning's mail, are extremely barren, except in accounts of more depredations by fire.—The Norwich Packet mentions no less than three in that town and neighbourhood; by one of which property to the amount of 18,000 dollars was entirely consumed.——A fire at Elizabeth-Town has also been attended with considerable loss of property; but it is with peculiar pain we state, that, notwithstanding the utmost exertions, a girl of 12 years old was burnt to death!—At Shrewsbury, a school-house was burnt through carelessness in putting ashes into a barrel. The fire at Norwich caught by a brick hearth being laid upon the floor some time before, and on which a very hot fire had been kept the evening preceding. Two fires are stated to have been communicated by stove-pipes.

Capt. Bunker, of the Brig Letitia, arrived at New-York from Bourdeaux, on January 2 spoke the Brig Joseph Capt. Taylor, bound from Barbadoes to this port—10 days out.

The schooner Lucy, Aaron Deall, & the brig Alexander, Solomon White, both from this port to Boston, were lying at the Vineyard, on the 31st ult.

A letter from Norfolk makes mention of the arrival in that port of the Harmony, a Freuch ship of 50 guns, from Cape Francois, her business is not mentioned. The same account says, that Admiral Murray has dispatched three frigates from Halifax to cruise off our Capes, in order to intercept Commodore Rainey's squadron now lying at Norfolk, should he attempt to go out.—It also states "that the Spaniards have captured and sent into Cuba, thirty American vessels, which have been condemned with their cargoes."

On Thursday January 12, the House of Representatives, having resolved itself into a committee of the whole, entered into the discussion of the report of the committee of ways and means, on the subject of further revenue. The following resolutions were taken into consideration:—

"Resolved, that there ought to be apportioned according to the last census of the several states, the sum of

to be raised by the following direct taxes, viz.

"A tax *ad valorem* upon all lands, with their improvements, including town lots with their buildings thereon.

"A tax on slaves with certain exceptions."

The principal speakers on this important subject were, Messrs. W. Smith, Swanwick, Dayton, S. Smith, Williams, and Christie.—The latter gentleman moved to strike out the words "*according to the last census;*" and seemed to wish for having a new census taken on the occasion. His motion was however negatived, and the committee rose and had leave to sit again.

We do not find any further very important accounts by the A. Hamilton, from Liverpool, though they are the latest received and to November 16 inclusive from London.

It appears, however by some uninserted accounts, that the brave Villaret Joyeuse, is to be Admiral of the Brest fleet, of 21 ships, which was ready to sail on an unknown expedition, and victualled for 6 months. The expedition excited much curiosity—some supposed to England, some Ireland, some Portugal, &c.

That Col. Simcoe is appointed Governor of St. Domingo.

That on the 5th of November, Wissen was dispatched from the Secretary of State's office, with instructions to Lord Malmesbury, on the subject of the demand of the Directory, for him to produce his powers to negociate for peace on the part of the Emperor. High authority assures, says the London paragraphist, that the government will not accede to any proposition for a separate peace.—"They have furnished Lord Malmesbury with certain documents, which manifest the disposition of his imperial majesty to a lasting and equitable peace, and which authorised the overtures made in his behalf. Should, however direct credentials from the Emperor to Lord Malmesbury be deemed requisite, his Lordship is directed to require time to obtain the necessary form."

[Argus.]

PEACE EXPECTED.

Extract of a letter from a merchant at Rotterdam, a member of the Dutch Convention, to a merchant in Marblehead, dated Nov. 8.

"Nothing can be said as yet about the Negociation for Peace—but we hope within a few days to communicate you some Good News thereupon."

An Albany paper of January 9 contains the following paragraph.

We are happy in announcing to the public, the arrival of Mr. RAPHAEL EARL, into this part of our country: this gentleman has generally been received with applause from the excellence of his performances—Educated in the school of West, and blessed by nature, with rare felicity of genius, his paintings unite the grave of animated nature, with "the patient touches of unwearied art." We understand Mr. Earl proposes to continue in this quarter for some time; he is now at Troy, and intends next summer to proceed to the Falls of Niagara, with a view of representing, on canvass, that stupendous and sublime scene.—The lovers of the arts and American artists, cannot fail to patronize his undertakings.

STATE OF VIRGINIA.

AN ACT
CONCERNING THE INSPECTION OF TOBACCO.

PASSED, DEC. 26, 1796.

Whereas the act, entitled, "An act for reducing into one, the several acts of Assembly, for the inspection of Tobacco," *hath in many parts been found defective, and it is necessary that the same be amended:*

Sect. I. Be it enacted by the General Assembly, *That the courts of the several counties wherein public warehouses for the inspection of tobacco have been or may be established, shall annually, in the months of August and September, appoint one or more commissioners, of capacity and integrity, whose duty it shall be to provide that proper conveniences and repairs be provided and made at the several warehouses in their county provided, kept in repair, and examined and compared with the standard weights of the county once in six months at least; that they visit in the same space of time, each warehouse at least once, and see that the tobacco therein is properly stored away and secured, and that the inspectors in all things diligently discharge their duty; and if they shall discover in any inspector any negligence or breach of his duty, they shall certify the same to the executive if it be of such a nature as to remove such inspector from office, and in all other cases, such neglect or breach of duty shall be certified to the court which appointed such inspector, whereupon they shall proceed against him according to law; Provided, That to the warehouses in the town of Petersburg, one person shall be appointed by the court of each of the counties of Prince-George, Dinwiddie, and Chesterfield; that to the warehouses in Richmond and Manchester, one person shall be appointed by the court of each of the counties of Henrico and Chesterfield, and to the warehouses in Fredericksburg and Falmouth, one person shall be appointed by the court of each of the counties of Spotsylvania and Stafford; and that the persons so appointed shall proceed jointly in performing the duties required by this act.*

Sect. II. Each commissioner appointed as aforesaid, shall be allowed two dollars per day for every day he shall be employed in performing the duties required by this act, which services shall be ascertained by the court which appointed him, and by them certified to the auditor of public accounts, who shall issue a warrant on the treasury for the same; the auditor shall in like manner issue warrants for expences incurred by such commissioners or others acting under their directions in executing the services herein required, after due proof that the same have been performed.

Sect. III. And if any commissioner appointed by virtue of this act, shall fail to perform the duties thereby required, he shall on motion to the court which appointed him, be displaced, or fined by such court to the use of the commonwealth, in such sum as they shall think proper, recoverable in the same manner as fines against sheriffs failing to pay money received on executions.

Sect. IV. If any inspector shall after the first day of October next, pass any tobacco packed in hogsheads which exceed fifty four inches in the length of the stave, or thirty four inches at the head within the crow, making reasonable allowance for prizing, which allowance shall not exceed two inches above the guage in the prizing head, he shall for every such offence be fined five dollars, to be recovered and appropriated as other fines against inspectors under the before receited act.

Sect. V. Every inspector who shall re-issue or pass away any tobacco note after the delivery of the tobacco for which the same was granted, shall suffer as a felon without the benefit of clergy.

Sect. VI. And be it enacted, *That an additional allowance of twenty five* per centum *be made to each and every inspector of tobacco throughout this commonwealth on the salaries heretofore allowed them by law, provided that the duties arising from the shipping of tobacco from the respective warehouses shall be adequate to discharge the said salaries.*

Sect. VII. In lieu of the allowance now made by law to pickers of tobacco, they shall be and are hereby allowed to demand and receive for every hogshead of tobacco by them opened, thirty three cents and one third of a cent; and every inspector shall be authorised to demand and receive in lieu of the allowance now made by law, seventeen cents for finding nails; which sums shall be paid and received in the same manner as the allowance already made for the same services.

Sect. VIII. If any person shall presume to manufacture tobacco without giving bond as required by law, he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay to [illegible] hundred dollars, to be recovered before the court of the county or corporation within which such offender may reside, by action of debt or information, wherein the defendant shall be ruled to bail: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any person manufacturing tobacco of his own make. Every inspector of tobacco is hereby authorised and employed to inspect any tobacco manufactured in the county wherein the warehouse at which he is appointed shall stand and if in his opinion such tobacco be good, clean, and merchantable, he shall pass the same, stamp and mark the cask wherein it is packed or prized, and grant a certificate that the same hath been inspected according to law. He shall inspect no tobacco for which the manufacturer thereof shall not produce a manifest, but is hereby authorised and directed to seize such tobacco wherever it may be found dispose thereof and pay the money arising therefrom into the public treasury.

Sect. IX. And whereas it is suggested that under the fifty first section of the recited act, the inspection of tobacco established at Deacon's Neck is discontinued; Be it enacted, That the said inspection shall be and is hereby revived and continued under the same regulations as inspections lawfully established.

Sect. X. So much of all acts or parts of acts as contravenes the operation of this act, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed. Provided always, *That nothing in this act shall be construed to affect any rights, remedies, fines, forfeitures, penalties, or amercements, which have accrued, been vested, or incurred prior to the commencement of this act.*

Sect. XI And provided also, *That the courts of the counties wherein any inspection of tobacco may be established, shall proceed to appoint the commissioners in this act mentioned at the court holden for their respective counties in the months of January or February next.*

Sect. XII. This act shall be in force from the first day of January next.

☞ *The advertisement of Mr. Philip R. Fendall, and Mr. Robert Young should have been dated January 10, instead of Jan. 17.*

Cheap Goods for the Ladies.

Just arrived, and to be sold at very low prices, at my lodgings, in the house of Mr. John Gordon, opposite M'Knight's tavern, in King street,

A small parcel of

Elegant Fancy Goods,

Consisting of

Coloured tamboured Muslins,
White do. do.
Do. do. Aprons,
Clouded Shawls, very handsome.
Ladies' plain & tambour'd handkerchiefs
Gentlemen's do. do.
Plain, Jaconet, and Book Muslin,
Polica Handkerchiefs.
Pocket do.

The sales will continue for a few days only.

N. B. Those ladies who may not find it convenient to call, will be waited upon at their own houses with such articles as they wish to see.

JA. THOMSON.

January 21. 3t

Thirty Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber on the 18th inst. a likely young negro woman named ESTHER, about 18 years of age, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, inclining to fatness. Had on when she went off a grey cloth jacket and brown petticoat. It is presumed however that her dress has been since changed, as she has taken away with her valuable clothes to a considerable amount. The above reward with charges will be paid for securing her in any goal, so that I get her again.

ROB. B. JAMESSON.

N. B. Wanted to purchase or hire, a negro boy of a good character.

December 29.

Valuable Lands,

AND OTHER PROPERTY IN LOUDOUN COUNTY FOR SALE, ON CREDIT.

Will be ſold to the higheſt bidder at the plantation near Centerville, (commonly called Newgate,) in Loudoun county, whereon James Hardage Lane formerly lived, on Wedneſday the 22nd March next, if fair, if not, the next fair day,

All the real and perſonal

Eſtate of the ſaid James Hardage Lane, deceaſed, (except the Kentucky land,) conſiſting of two tracts of Land, ſix valuable Slaves, Stock of every kind, Houſehold Furniture, and Plantation utenſils. One of the tracts of land joins the town of Centerville, and contains between 3 and 400 acres with tolerable improvements, on which there is thirty two buſhels of wheat ſowed. The other tract contains about the ſame quantity of land, at between two and three miles diſtance, and is remarkably well timbered, however a particular deſcription is conſidered unneceſſary, as thoſe who may incline to become purchaſers will no doubt inform themſelves, which they may do by applying to Mr. Wm. Lane, one of the deviſees, who lives near the land, and will ſhew it when required.

A credit of nine months will be allowed on all ſums amounting to fifty dollars or upwards, on the purchaſers giving bond with approved ſecurity, to bear intereſt from the date, if not punctually paid;—for all ſums under the above ready money will be required.

N. B. The ſale will continue from day to day, till all is ſold,

All perſons indebted to the eſtate are requeſted to make payment, and all who have demands thereon are deſired to bring them forward, properly authenticated, at or before the day of ſale, that they may be diſcharged. GEORGE LANE, Executor of James Hardage Lane, dec.

January 19. 1m

Ten Dollars Reward.

WILL be given for apprehending negro AARON, the property of the ſubſcriber, living near Leeſburg, who abſconded about Chriſtmaſs laſt.—Aaron is 22 years of age, about 5 feet 9 inches high, well proportioned, his clothes uncertain.—He took with him a brown cloth ſailor's jacket, with hightopped metal buttons, corduroy or thickſet overalls, &c. The above reward will be given to any perſon who will ſecure him in any jail, and reaſonable charges paid if brought home.

JOHN SAUNDERS.

January 19.

GEORGE DRINKER and SAMUEL STANSBURY having entered into partnerſhip under the firm of

Drinker and Stanſbury,

In the ſtore formerly occupied by George Drinker, have now opened a general aſſortment of Ironmongery, Cutlery and Braſs Wares, Caſtings, &c.

White Lead Ground in Oil
Spaniſh Brown do. do.
Yellow Ochre do. do.

Red lead; Pruſſian blue; ſpatent yellow vermilion; verdigriſe; chalk; whiting and putty; 7–8, 8–10, 9–11 and 10–12 window glaſs; powder and ſhot; copal and common varniſh; ſpirits of turpentine; hatters trimmings; aquia fortis; quick ſilver; logwood and glue; white ſoap; mould and dipp'd candles; ſlates; bruſhes; corks, &c. &c.

ALSO,

A ſmall aſſortment of DRY GOODS wholeſale, conſiſting of cloths, caſſimers, muſlins, hohery, modes, nankeens ribbons &c. July 14

Andrew & Wm. Ramſay

Have imported in the brig Dolly, via. New-York from Oporto, ten pipes, ten hhds. and twenty quarter caſks of

PORT WINE,

of a very ſuperior quality which they now offer for ſale at their warehouſe, King-ſtreet.

They have alſo on hand,

Madeira Wine in pipes, hhds. and quarter caſks. Liſbon do. in pipes. Teneriffe do. in hhds. Sherry do. in quarter caſks. Port do. in bottles and a quantity of well aſſorted bar iron.

Dec. 6. tf

Blank Manifeſts for ſale at this Office.

UNION TAVERN,

UNION-STREET, ALEXANDRIA.

Samuel Hilton,

FROM the Federal City, reſpectfully informs his friends, and thoſe who were frequenters of the above Tavern, lately occupied by Mr. Gadſby, of his having this day opened it, for the accommodation of the inhabitants of Alexandria, and travellers in general, where every exertion will be uſed, and attention paid, to merit a ſhare of their favours.

Gentlemen boarded by the month or year. Rich Soups every day from 10 to 1 o'clock.

Dinners for private parties dreſſed at the ſhorteſt notice.

Good ſtabling for Horſes.

☞ Wanted, an experienced Cook, to whom generous wages will be given.

December 27.

JUST RECEIVED,
AND FOR SALE BY

Wm. Hartſhorne & Sons,

FIVE bales of 3 buſhel ſacks,
6 ſets of elegant China,
200 caſks of beſt New-York Stone Lime,
30 barrels of Tar, and a few puncheons of 4th proof Jamaica Rum.

Alſo on hand,

Beſt Swediſh and country made Bar Iron,
St. Ubes Salt,
James River Coal,
3d and 4d Nails in caſks of 25 and 50 thouſand each,
A few buſhels warranted Clover ſeed,
Camboofes of a good ſize,
And a quantity of Rugs.

December 13.

Wanted to Hire,

FIFTEEN or Twenty likely negro fellows, for which a generous price will be given. For terms apply to

NICHOLAS VOSS.

Or in his abſence to

JAMES M. M'REA.

Fairfax Street. Dec. 15.

City of Waſhington,

January 12, 1797.

WANTED for the preſent year at the public works, in the city of Waſhington, a number of Laborers, for whom 70 dollars per ann. will be given, or 60 dollars from the 1ſt of March, to the 20th of December next. They will be found in every thing but their cloathing and attended by a phyſician at public expence when neceſſary.

ELISHA O. WILLIAMS.

Bennett and Watts,

Have received by the Brig Liberty, from Philadelphia, the following GOODS, which they offer for ſale on moderate terms,

Braſs and Braſs Headed

And Irons, braſs and poliſhed ſteel Fenders hand bellows, tongs and ſhovels, Crowley ſteel in faggots, German do. anvils, and vices, of all ſizes, poſt coffee mills, copper tea-kettles, joiners plains, Scotch braces and bitts, ſaws of all kinds, beſt claw hammers and augers, beſt FF Engliſh glazed gun powder a box of very neat gentlemens', ladies', and childrens' hats, made in the Engliſh faſhion, mens' Engliſh ſhoes, patent fleecy hoſiery, a variety of oil cloths beſt 10-4 Flanders bed bunts, ſeine twine of the 1ſt quality, folio and quarto poſt paper, foolſcap and common do. ſoal leather, nails, brads, ſpikes & rigs, Ticklenburgs, Heſſian and Britiſh oſnaburgs, wool and cotton cards in boxes, tambouring ſilk and cotton of all colours, tea trays, waiters, &c. &c.

December 20.

For Sale.

NEAR the Great Falls of Potomac, in Loudoun county, 4 or 500 acres of Land ſufficiently level for farming. About 100 acres are cleared and but little worn. This tract is well watered, and contains ſeveral acres of natural meadow. The timber is oak, hickory, and cheſnut, and there is on one part of it a ſufficiency of the latter alone to encloſe perhaps the whole. Mr. Robert Reed who at preſent lives on the premiſes will ſhew the land to any perſon wiſhing to view it, and the terms may be known by a letter directed to the ſubſcriber, and left at the Poſt Office, Alexandria.

T. FAIRFAX.

January 12. 5w

PHILIP FANTON,

RESPECTFULLY informs that he has removed his Merchandize to his Store lately occupied by Janney & Irwin, in Prince Street, near Ricketts and Newton's new buildings, where he is opening an extenſive aſſortment of HARDWARE, juſt received from Europe, and ſelected from ſeveral importations.

A few tons of Pot metal well aſſorted,
A quantity of 56's and ſmaller weights,
Soal Leather,
Excellent Indigo and Dye Stuffs.
Clover and Timothy ſeed.

N. B. Having convenient room, intend ſtorage of Flour, and receiving other Merchandize for ſale upon commiſſion.

Caſh given for flax ſeed, white beans, bee wax, and various other kinds of produce.

October 27.

FOR SALE,

A HOUSE and Lot, on Fairfax-ſtreet, in fee ſimple, lying north, and adjoining to Bryan Hampſon's, now occupied by John Duffey.—The lot is 33 feet front, and 100 feet deep. The houſe is a large 2 ſtory frame, with a back building of brick, with a cellar under the whole. There is alſo a frame ſtable on this lot.

One other Lot of Ground on Wolf-ſtreet, 80 feet, running back 106 feet 5 inches to a 10 feet alley on which is erected a back frame building, in which Thomas Irwin now reſides. This lot is ſubject to a ground rent of four pounds per annum. For terms apply to

JOHN JANNEY

Mandeville & Jameſſon'

HAVE JUST RECEIVED,

Four boxes, } IRISH LINENS well
One Bale } aſſorted.
Twenty puncheons 4th proof Rum,
Freſh Raiſins in kegs, boxes, & jars,
Do. Figs in frails and jars,
Do. Grapes in jars,
Soft ſhelled Almonds,
A few boxes Sweetmeats,
Do. Capers.

Alſo—Coarſe and fine Salt, with a very general aſſortment of Groceries, which they will ſell for caſh, or at the uſual credit.

☞ A good Clerk wanted.

Alſo, a Black Man to hire as a Porter by the year.

Dec. 8.

Notice.

THE public is hereby cautioned againſt taking an aſſignment on two bonds of mine, the one payable to Hugh Stewart and Samuel Love for ſixty ſix pounds two ſhillings and ten pence; the other for nine pounds, ſixteen ſhillings or there abouts, payable to Benjamin Hutchinſon, and aſſigned by him to the ſaid Stewart and Love, as I have paid the ſame, and cannot obtain them. I have thought this caution proper to prevent trouble.

JAS. LANE TRIPLETT.

January 3. 3w

For Sale,

A Merchant, Griſt, and Saw Mill, in the county of Loudoun, about ten miles from Leeſburg, with about 100 acres of land, one half low ground, cleared, and under a good fence. The other half in woods. The Mill houſe is built of ſtone, two ſtories high, 56 feet long, and 40 wide, one pair of large burr ſtone, and a pair of ſhort hilt ſtones, for country work. She is well calculated for merchant work, ſituate on Gooſe creek, on a never failing ſtream, about 40 miles from Alexandria, and the ſame diſtance from the Federal city. There is on the premiſes a good miller's houſe, ſtore houſe, granery, and ſtable. The ſtore houſe is well finiſhed, a large ſtone chimney, with three fire places, with a kitchen and cellar under the houſe, well adapted to the accommodation of a ſmall family, and if not ſold will be rented to any perſon that may apply. There is alſo on the premiſſes another houſe not far from the mill, newly built, with two rooms, a ſtone chimney with two fire places, which will anſwer a family that may work the farm. One third part of the money to be paid down, the other two thirds in two yearly payments, to be ſecured, either by a mortgage on the premiſes, or perſonal ſecurity. Apply to the ſubſcriber on the premiſes.

SIMON TRIPLETT.

December 13.

For Sale.

A Traſt of Land containing 4500 acres lying immediately on the river Potomac, near Coan river in the county of Northumberland, Virginia. 1600 acres of which are the moſt valuable kind of low grounds on this river, between 300 and 400 acres heavily timbered, the whole perfectly level, the remainder is very high land, and exceedingly productive. The ſoil of this part is equal to any in the ſtate in the cultivation of corn, wheat, tobacco, timothy, and ſmall grain of all kinds. On this traſt is a large commodious two ſtory brick manſion houſe and out offices, a large brick ſtable, a valuable barn, corn houſe, and many other out houſes, all in good repair. The orchard and garden contains a variety of valuable fruit trees, and the waters abound with fiſh and oyſters. It is ſituated about a day's ſail from Richmond, Alexandria, or Norfolk. For terms apply to the ſubſcriber, who will take one half of the purchaſe money in approved weſtern lands.

PRESLY THORNTON.

Northumberland Houſe,
Virginia, Dec. 22.

THE ſubſcriber offers for ſale the following valuable Property:—The Eſtate on which he now lives, known by the name of CLIFTON MILLS, containing 205 acres, about 70 of which are cleared and under good fencing, ſituate in Loudoun County, Virginia, near the turnpike road leading from Aſhby's gap of the Blue Ridge, to Alexandria, from which place, the City of Waſhington, and George Town, it is diſtant about 50 miles. The improvements are a large and well conſtructed Merchant Mill, with two water wheels and three pair of ſtones, two of which are burrs—ſhe is in complete repair, with the whole of Evans's machinery, and is capable of manufacturing 300 barrels Flour per week, A ſaw Mill. A large new ſtone diſtillery, forty feet ſquare, with a ſufficient quantity of copper to make 50 gallons of ſpirits per day. A houſe for the diſtiller, miller, cooper, waggoner, and blackſmith, with their ſeveral ſhops, &c. A new frame dwelling Houſe, two ſtories high, with two chimnies and four rooms, handſomely finiſhed, with kitchen, ſtables, &c. The Mill and Diſtillery, in point of ſituation and convenience are inferior to none. Alſo, the following parcels of Land in Kentucky—10,000 acres on the Red River, in the county of Clarke; 6091¼ acres on the waters of Big Sandy, in the county of Bourbon; 4,685 acres in Madiſon county, within 7 or 8 miles of the Court houſe; 3,910 acres on the waters of the Rolling Fork, in Nelſon county; 3,600 acres on the waters of Stinking Creek, Lincoln county, on which there is a very valuable ſalt ſpring; and 7,500 acres, within three miles of Bullit's ſalt works. Alſo, a traſt of Land in the county of Alleghany, and ſtate of Pennſylvania, containing 500 acres, together with a waggon and team of 5 good young Horſes. To any perſon who will purchaſe the whole of the above property, the terms will be eaſy and accommodating. Caſh, lots in the Town of Alexandria, Alexandria Bank Stock, or Morris and Nicholſon's paper will be taken in payment for the whole or any part.

JOSEPH LEWIS, Jun.

Clifton, Nov. 28. 12wep

IN order to comply with contracts, I will ſell for approved bonds, on three equal annual payments, a ſquare of Lots at the upper end of Fredericksburg, beginning oppoſite to the lower corner of Dr. Weford's on Caroline Street, and running up the croſs ſtreet leading to Fitzhugh's ferry, and from thence back to Sophia ſtreet. This ſquare I have laid off into 24 lots, 27½ feet front, and 122 back; 12 on Caroline ſtreet, and 12 on Sophia ſtreet. Nine of thoſe on Caroline ſtreet I have leaſed on an annual ground rent of 8 or 10 pounds, to the amount of 74 pounds, and the vacant lots a purchaſer could enhance the value of by building ſmall houſes, which will as readily procure tenants as pots or gourds will martins in the ſpring, and yield a greater profit in proportion to their coſt than large buildings. Thoſe who incline to purchaſe may know the terms by applying to

HENRY FITZHUGH.

Bell-Air, Dec. 8.

JUST RECEIVED,
From New-York, and for ſale by

STEPHEN ALLEY,

A general aſſortment of

Ladies', Gentlemens', and Childrens' SHOES, &c.

December 8.

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